

From: Swivel Hips Smith
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 3:50 PM
Subject: Thank you

I wanted to say thank you for your efforts in attempting to thwart today's Media Ownership debacle. As an up-and-coming artist, and most importantly, as an American, I am COMPLETELY DISGUSTED with the FCC right now. Unfortunately, your organization has lost all respect in my eyes as a legitimate governing body.

However, I applaud your efforts on an issue that seemed doomed from the start.

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From: Richard Gagnon
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 3:54 PM
Subject: FW: SHAME.....

----- Original Message -----

From: Richard Gagnon
 To: mpowell@fcc.gov
 Cc: Richard Gagnon
 Sent: 6/2/03 12:40:46 PM
 Subject: SHAME.....

As an American, I am totally opposed to the new FCC regulations voted upon today. I see this action as another opportunity by the moneyed elite to concentrate their power over our ever-weakening Democracy. News and information media is knowledge and power. Power has always corrupted those endowed with too much of it, and knowledge for the masses is a dangerous thing for those who have an inordinate amount of power. The power of the media in the hands of fewer and fewer people is a dangerous thing for any nation. History will judge this day as a dark moment in the FREEDOM OF AMERICANS TO BE TOLD ALL the news factually and in an un-biased way and arrive at their own conclusions. God Save America! My sincere thanks to those who voted against this ruling. Sincerely, Richard E. Gagnon.

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CC: Richard Gagnon

From: Jeffdavis3@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 4:00 PM
Subject: (no subject)

THANKS FOR TRYING!! YOUR COLLEAGUES ARE IDIOTS ESPECIALLY POWELL---HE'S THE BIGGEST CASE OF NEPOTISM IN THE WORLD

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From: NB1114@aol.com
To: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 4:01 PM
Subject: (no subject)

Thanks for trying to preserve some of the people's rights.
N Brunk
Los Angeles, CA

From: Steven Hill
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 4:11 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

I am a former media analyst.

HOW COULD YOU...

Relax rules that already allow monopolies?

What a terrible, sad decision.

Steven Hill
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email: bookpath@transedge.com

From: james pasquarette
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 4:35 PM
Subject: FCC Ruling

I appreciate your position on this mess and trust that you will continue to fight this ruling and let us know what we can do to get it reversed. We are no longer living in the America that I grew up with but are turning into a dictatorship with an administration that uses the power of large corporations to do as they please - everything from reducing taxes for their ultra rich friends to starting wars by lying to us and now violating the constitution by reducing our choices on the media.

Thank you and please continue to fight the fight

Respectfully,

L Pasquarette
Dayton

P S I would like to know what we can do to keep this problem to the forefront and to reverse the decision

From: Pearl148@aol.com
To: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 4:46 PM
Subject: Thanks for fighting the good fight.

I watched the FCC Hearings, if we are to call them that, on CSPAN this morning, and were it not for your presentations, I would have been extraordinarily depressed.

I found the entire process with which these decisions were made obominable, the total dismissal or the consumer's point of view, and the degree as you both pointed out, this was driven by the conclusion the powers wished to reach.

Thank you for presenting the minority point of view in such an intelligent and persuavive fashion. If this were a truly democratic process we would have won.

I would be very much interested in what you feel our options are now- and how we can begin the beginning of the middle of this fight. This makes me greatly fear for the future of this country!!!!!!

From: roni christenson
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 4:57 PM
Subject: changes in regulations

Mr. Powell,

What have you done!!!! Good bye to any chance at balanced news and information, and hello to even more slanted and biased reporting. What's next, book burnings? This country is one step away from the 4th reich. Are you a member of the P.N.A.C. by any chance? This sounds like something on their agenda.

All I can say is, all those men & women who fought in WWI, WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, and now the Middle east fought for nothing! Every freedom they fought for is being systematically stripped away by big-business and personal power trips!

God help us all!!

Veronica Christenson
Burbank, CA

From: Alan & Delores Farlin
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:09 PM
Subject: limits on amount of TV stations a group can own

Dear Chairman Powell,
Please do NOT change the current restrictions and allow broadcast groups to increase the number of TV stations they own. In any situation allowing local control best meets needs of those being served. Big companies don't need to care and therefore don't bother to care about the quality, type, or decency of the programming that meets the needs of local communities. As a matter of fact, it will mean more dollars for them if they just serve everybody the same thing, (like Victoria's Secret) whether they want it or not. I'm concerned things like local news items will be pushed out because the dollar is the bottom line that big companies do care about. Please give the smaller stations the chance to operate without the pressure to sell out to the big guys who have all the money.

Thank you for listening and considering this request.

Sincerely,

Delores Farlin

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: McNulty, Neal
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:12 PM
Subject: you screwed the public

FCC for the public .. NO
For big business. Whoever pays the most.

Thank you for disregarding the public's right to a free and unhampered press.
Thank you for allowing the public access to less and less true reporting and only hearing about what a small minority of media owners feel they want to report on.

Hey can you get the press to report on what Tom McCain called the greatest taxpayer rip-off of all times. A free pixel giveaway to the media. Played for by the public and given away for free. No public notification the data base will be given away at no cost to media outlets. Hey, no media I know of has notification given on this.

That's because you have endorsed a monopoly.

Can you think of a reason it wasn't reported on. Can you think of a reason it will never be reported on. I can.

And yet you have just helped continue this tragedy for the American public.

CONGRATULATIONS.

I have 10.00 if I mail it to you can you change the rules back to protect the public.
Please send mailing address. I know the republicans got there first but it's money.

Sincerely,
Neal McNulty

From: DAVID BILLMAN
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:18 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Shame on you. Your vote today will certainly lead people to believe you have been bought and paid for.
Sleep well.

David Billman

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Rev. J.D. Benson
To: Mike Powell, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:22 PM
Subject: Letting the BIG GUYS get bigger

SHAME ON YOU!

Yours is the kind of approach that jeopardizes democracy in this country.
Letting the rich get richer, the rich get more control, the conglomerates run what we see and when and how.

SHAME ON YOU!

-Rev. JD Benson

"You cannot think straight with a heart full of fear, for fear seeks safety, not truth...
A heart full of love, on the other hand, has a liberating effect on the mind." -- William Sloan Coffin

From: Zed B. Starkovich
To: Mike Powell, <mailto:kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mailto:mcopps@fcc.gov>,
<mailto:kjmweb@fcc.gov>, <mailto:jadelste@fcc.gov>
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:25 PM
Subject: Corporate Control

You people are either completely corrupt, or absolutely stupid.

Allowing General Electric to own more TV stations, while at the same time selling weapons throughout the world, polluting the environment, and ignoring the deaths caused by those actions on their own "News" stations, is not exactly the best way to keep the people fully informed or protected.

Despite the Bush administration's declarations to the contrary, our government is supposed to protect people, not corporate profit.

Thanks a lot for selling the future minds of our children to the money hungry owners of our mass media. I hope you got more than a free tote bag for turning your backs while we got raped.

So much for Representative Democracy. . .

Zed B. Starkovich
HempFarm.org
Hollywood, Ca

From: Fred Rees
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:49 PM
Subject: Re: Broadcast Ownership Rules (Thanks for your dissenting Vote)

Mr. Copps

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DISSENTING VOTE.

DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON ANY ISSUE IN THE FUTURE.

Sincerely;

Fred Rees
Thousand Oaks, CA.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Michael Copps" <MCOPPS@fcc.gov>
To: <fmrees@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2003 6:59 PM
Subject: Re: Broadcast Ownership Rules (Thank you for your message concerning media consolidation.)

Thank you for your message concerning media consolidation. I am happy to know that you are participating in the debate over this issue and hope that you will continue to do so in the weeks leading up to the June 2 vote and thereafter. We must come to grips with this issue because it is so important not only for the kinds of entertainment we get from our media, but also from the standpoint of what it means for the news and information that sustains our country's democratic dialogue. I hope you will talk about this issue with your friends, neighbors, local media and government officials. Again, thanks for getting in touch.

From: Calvin Mandalay
To: FCC FCCINFO
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:55 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Why are you doing this,
working toward allowing this type of monopoly. Don't you remember why these
regulations were set in place. The public has no alternative but to think
you are crooked!

As if we had decent news-media in the United States as of now.

It should become even more geared toward the goals of the corporate world?

Why in the world would you want to do this?

Think for a while, I say about the original intentions of these monopoly
regulations.

concerned citizen

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CC: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein

From: Thomas O. Breitling
To: Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 6:25 PM
Subject: Ruling

I saw the ruling by the three "Republicans" on media ownership June 2, 2003. Sadly the three "Republicans" are enemies of the Republic.

Thomas O. Breitling
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From: Jade Butman
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 6:46 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

The FCC is giving all Republicans a bad name. This deregulation is a disgrace and unless you have your head buried in the sand or so far in the skies of "theory" as to have lost sight of your common sense, I'm not sure how you can sleep at night. Deregulating the media industry is going to be disastrous to this country and this world- it's already nearly impossible to get a straight objective story- once the control is in even fewer hands, we're all screwed- including you.

I never thought I would join what I thought were the "hysterical" ranks of protesters- but I now find myself in this surreal place wondering how on earth in this day and age with a democratic environment that something so horrible and evil is being done. And I wonder to myself, where are those hysterical democrats that are always protesting- where are those democratic senators and congress people, to protect us from the likes of you.

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From: Kurt
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 7:32 PM
Subject: fcc ruling

what a sad, sad day. hurray for meglamedia. now i can look forward to even more endless television trash from fox, the virtual elimination of local news and a censored and filtered world view from again fox, cnn etc... god help all of you, and us. you blew it.

kurt kleman

From: cbriscoe@hevanet.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 7:33 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

I will not stand for further consolidation of media ownership in this country and will support any consumer lawsuit intended to overturn today's decision by the FCC. Any movement in this direction is frankly dangerous for democracy. A diversity of ideas is essential to achieve the goal of an informed population. The already concentrated nature of the media marketplace has clearly already done damage such as eliminating local programming and further marginalizing any point of view not supported by a major media corporation.

The FCC received unprecedented numbers of public comments on this rule change, the vast majority of them negative. Ignoring this sort of public outcry flies in the face of our democratic system. The FCC would do well to remember that it is accountable to the citizens of the United States, not to media conglomerates.

I urge you to take a long hard look at the changes you made today to our valuable and already loose media regulations. The people are watching and they know that this change and the process of its implementation stink of partisanship, cronyism and an absence of concern for the public good.

Craig M. Briscoe
Citizen, Voter
5217 N. Amherst St.
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From: Vicki Zeitner
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 7:49 PM
Subject: THANK YOU

Commissioner Copps,

Thank you so very much for your statement at today's hearing. Thank you for your wisdom, courage and integrity.

Thank you sir,
 Vicki A. Zeitner

We can learn to work and speak when we are afraid in the same way we have learned to work and speak when we're tired. ~ Audre Lourde

• Vicki A. Zeitner *

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From: Drnovlamas@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:00 PM
Subject: (no subject)

Please do not relax FCC rules related to increased concentration of license ownership. Things have progressed in this direction thus far in a very troublesome way. I am terribly concerned. These are the public's airwaves. Please guarantee that licenses remain in many, many hands.

Cordially,

Dr. Thomas C. Halle

From: Andre Barclay
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:08 PM
Subject: Thanks

Thank you so much for your efforts.

Andre Barclay

From: MNewland@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:19 PM
Subject: Selling of america's airwaves

I heard your speech and support your position. What do I do about it?

From: cpperry
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:22 PM
Subject: RE: RELAXING THE RULES

SIR.

DO NOT RELAX THE RULES ON MEDIA OWNERSHIP. WE NEED MORE PLACES OUT THERE,
NOT ONE OR TWO CORPORATIONS THROTTLING OUR RIGHT TO KNOW.

PATRICIA A . PERRY
LEWISTON, MICHIGAN 49756

From: Rose Laing
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:29 PM
Subject: broadcast ruling

Is there still time - or has the ax fallen without our voices heard?

I am opposed to relaxing the broadcast ownership rules. American citizens have a right to hear news from a wide variety of media news sources, not a handful. Please continue broadcast ownership protections as they exist.

C'mon Washington - if it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Rose McNeil Laing mclaing@voyager.net

From: Harriet Ervin
To: Michael Copps, muservin@yahoo.com
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:05 PM
Subject: We Are Grateful

We the people are deeply grateful for your very reasoned and compelling statements at this morning's vote. (And for your vote(s) of course.) We can only begin to express how much support you have from us in your defense of media from the barbarians at the gates who carry, instead of hardware and weapons, handfuls of cash.

I awoke on two hours sleep to tape it on C-Span. We pledge that this terrible event, the 9/11 of American media, will awaken us, within our family, and many friends we know who feel as strongly, to dedicate ourselves as never before to winning back our airwaves from these pirates who sail them without remorse or compunction. (And weren't those ladies cute who stood up after the vote and gave us the anti-Madison Avenue jingle for our cause: "The mass de-reg-u-lation of our mass com-mun-i-cation is the End of Democracy " I hope our reps heed that warning tune?)

Sincerely, John Ervin (for Harriet Ervin, et al.)

From: Rev. Dudley & Elizabeth Sarfaty
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:12 PM
Subject: Re: Media Consolidation

Dear Mr. Copps:

Thank you for your note. I am old enough to remember when the Fairness Doctrine applied and a broadcaster, in return for using the public air waves had to report on their community service each year; and I remember being asked by CBS if I thought they had done so.

Right now, not only do broadcasters not pay rent for TV or radio channels, they don't pay a fee to get them assigned to them.

Our little rural radio station was taken over by one of those electronic absentee operator type of companies, and the community service of our station went all the way south

If you keep people informed on progress, please include me. Any public servant in our area should be most sensitive on this subject.

Every good wish,

Sincerely,

Rev. Dudley E. Sarfaty
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Michael Copps wrote:

> Thank you for your message concerning media consolidation. I am happy to know
> that you are participating in the debate over this issue and hope that you
> will continue to do so in the weeks leading up to the June 2 vote and
> thereafter. We must come to grips with this issue because it is so important
> not only for the kinds of entertainment we get from our media, but also from
> the standpoint of what it means for the news and information that sustains our
> country's democratic dialogue. I hope you will talk about this issue with
> your friends, neighbors, local media and government officials. Again, thanks
> for getting in touch.

From: Banditos Yanquis
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:14 PM
Subject: Congratulations on the recent decision, it sucks!

Dear FCC,

Your recent decision does a disservice to the American public along with the other government organizations that have let the public down recently (the SEC with corporate scandals and the CIA/FBI with those terrorist assholes). You have aligned yourself with the greed of corporate America and have let politics sway you from doing your job. As perhaps the most powerful form of media in our country today, television is already in danger of becoming too sanitized for the public.

Take for example our recent war in Iraq - with the exception of Donahue's show on MSNBC (which got cancelled) and Senator Byrd's appearance on Larry King Live, practically no major television networks aired opposing viewpoints about the war. Newspaper and radio shows seemed to present the problem and articulate both viewpoints a little better, but in this day and age television is perhaps the most powerful influence on public opinion - From this average television junkie's viewpoint the anti-war voices were minimal AT BEST.

The hallmark of our country is a society that is educated and informed about the decisions it makes. However I have recently come to the conclusion that in today's world the numerous issues of the day are just too much for most people to grapple. The world is a complicated place and the quality of the press is tantamount to keeping our country safe from the ills of recent history.

Kudos to Commissioners Copps and Adelstein for making the right decision here - keep it real guys!!

Sincerely,
A concerned citizen

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CC: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein

From: ACROSHERE4@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:41 PM
Subject: FCC decision

Dear Commissioner Copps,

Though the vote today didn't go the way I would've liked, I did want to take a second to say thank you. You mobilized so many of us by getting the word out. You were an inspiration and you are a hero. I listened to C-Span this morning to hear the vote and was very grateful for your remarks. I have (again) written my senators. I agree that this isn't over but thank you for getting us this far.

Sincerely,

Jake Whatley

From: leon
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 10:14 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!!! THIS WILL NOT STAND GEORGE BUSH IS TRYING TO CONTROL THE MEDIA AND YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO LET THE MEDIA HAVE A LOT OF VARIETY IN CHOICES WITH THIS MOVE YOU ARE GOING DOWN THE ROAD TO FASCISM!!!